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1. YOU CAN ACCEPT TEXT OF ALLIED FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL TRANS-
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MITTED REFTEL, IF THIS APPEARS NECESSARY TO GAIN ALLIED

AGREEMENT ON FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL AT 21 NOVEMBER NAC MEETING.

2. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD SEEK FOLLOWING CHANGES IN ALLIED FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:

(A) THIRD SENTENCE OF SEC. 3 SHOULD BE RESTORED TO READ: "THIS CEILING MIGHT BE SET AT APPROXIMATELY 700,000 SOLDIERS ON EACH SIDE." THE ALLIED APPROACH PAPER TAKES THE POSITION THAT THE FIGURE 700,000 MAY ONLY BE USED ILLUSTRATIVELY. WE BELIEVE THIS POSITION IS SOUND AT THIS STAGE.

(B) WE STRONGLY PREFER THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF LAST SENTENCE OF SEC. 10 (VIENNA 9511). WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE REVISED LANGUAGE OF THE LAST SENTENCE COULD BE INTER-

PRETED IN TOO RESTRICTIVE A WAY AS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SECOND PHASE.

3. YOU SHOULD OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL TO MAKE SECTION 8 OPENING PARA OF SECTION 9. WE BELIEVE CORRECT PLACEMENT OF SECTION 8 RECOGNIZES PRINCIPLE OF CONCERN TO FLANKS, WITHOUT PREJUDICING QUESTION WHICH REMAINS UNDER STUDY IN ALLIANCE OF ITS EMBODYMENT IN SPECIFIC ASSOCIATED MEASURES. IF HOWEVER, OUR OPPOSITION TO SHIFTING SECTION 8 BECOMES SOLE OBSTACLE TO ALLIED AGREEMENT AT 21 NOVEMBRR MTG, YOU MAY ACCEPT SHIFT TO OPENING PARA OF SECTION 9, MAKING DISCLAIMER THAT THIS DOES NOT COMMIT US TO SEEKING SPECIFIC ASSOCIATED MEASURES SUCH AS THOSE CITED PARA 30 OF ALLIED APPROACH. KISSINGER

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